

WISCONSIN RIVER RAIL TRANSIT COMMISSION

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DATE: 6 December 2005
TO: Wisconsin River Rail Transit Commissioners & Other Interested Persons
FROM: Joni Graves, SWWRPC Transportation Planner / Wisconsin River Rail Transit Commission

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Wisconsin River Rail Transit Commission

Executive Committee Mtg. – Friday, 9 December 2005 at 10:00 a.m.

Dane County Highway Garage, 2302 Fish Hatchery Road, Madison, WI

Commissioners – if you will not be attending the meeting, please call 608.342.1057.

If you have any questions regarding the Agenda, or if our mailing information for you is incorrect, please email gravesjh@uwplatt.edu or call 608-342-1057. Thank you.

WRRTC'S 2006 CALENDAR:

6-Jan	XCom
10-Feb	Full Commission
10-Mar	XCom
7-Apr	XCom
5-May	Full Commission (election)
9-Jun	XCom
7-Jul	XCom
4-Aug	Full Commission
8-Sep	XCom
6-Oct	XCom
10-Nov	Full Commission
8-Dec	XCom

Unless otherwise noticed, the Commission's meetings are held on the first Friday after the first Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. at the Dane County Highway/Transportation Building.

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1. **Call to Order** – Steve Foye, Chair
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Action Item. Certification of Public Notice** – meeting noticed by Graves
4. **Action Item. Approval of the Agenda** – prepared by Graves
5. **Action Item. Approval of Minutes from the November 2005 meeting** – prepared by Graves

REPORTS

Estimated time: 10 minutes

6. **WSOR Monthly Operator's Report** – Ken Lucht, WSOR.
 - a) Update on monthly maintenance activities
 - b) Progress of capital project planning
 - c) Continuing issues / topics.

Estimated time: 10 minutes

7. **WisDOT Updates** – Frank Huntington and Roger Larson, WisDOT.
 - a) Update on WisDOT studies, funding, encroachment issues, and other continuing issues and topics.

Estimated time: 10 minutes

8. **Administrative Staff Report** – Joni Graves, SWWRPC / WRRTC staff.
 - a) *Update.* Commission vacancies – Walworth and Dane Counties.
 - b) **Action Item.** Railroad Coordinating Committee (RRCC) - according to a list of members provided by Lucht, WRRTC had appointed Foye, Nilson, and Shroble (alternate) to the RRCC; since Nilson and Shroble are no longer representing the Commission on the RRCC, the Commission will be seeking two volunteers.
 - c) *Update.* Association of Wisconsin Snowmobile Clubs / Grant County.
 - d) *Handout.* Recent web statistics for www.wrrtc.org
 - e) *Forwarded.* Incorporating input / preparing revised *Commissioner Responsibilities* / “*Job Description*” is planned for the February meeting of the full Commission.

Estimated time: 10 minutes

9. **WRRTC Financials & Contracts** – Jim Matzinger, Dane County / WRRTC staff.
 - a) **Action Item:** Treasurer's Report for November 2005
 - b) **Action Item:** Consideration and possible action on invoices received by WRRTC
 - c) *Update.* Status of 2005 project funds and budget requests for 2006 rehab projects.

OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS

Estimated time: 10 minutes

10. **Action Item.** SWWRPC and Dane County staff services contracts for 2006 – Graves and Matzinger.
11. **Update & Possible Action.** Further discussion about mileage / expense policy – Graves and Matzinger.

PROPERTY ISSUES

Estimated time: 15 minutes

12. Action Item. Watertown Line – WisDOT proposes further amending the WRRTC / WisDOT Grant and Operating Agreements for the Madison-to-Watertown Railroad line only.

Background: WisDOT would like to exercise its option to acquire the Madison-to-Watertown Railroad line, which requires the approval of the Surface Transportation Board (STB). At its September 2005 meeting, WRRTC approved Amendment 8 to the WRRTC / WisDOT Grant Agreement, adding the Madison-to-Watertown Railroad line. (*Note:* the WRRTC / WSOR Operating Agreement had been amended previously and included this line segment.) In December, the STB “Directed the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to submit additional information or a revised operating agreement by December 22, 2005.”

Estimated time: 30 minutes

13. Update & Possible Action. Appropriations Funding – Graves and Lucht.

14. Update & Possible Action. Removal / Relocation of Rail Spur in Mazomanie – Foye.

Actions / recommendations from the previous meeting:

- a) Foye will contact Mazomanie’s Village President about their attorney drafting the agreement.
- b) Sub-committee (Foye, Gray, Van Schwartz) meeting will be scheduled for January; recommendation(s) will come to the full Commission in February;

15. Update & Possible Action. Property Issues – Spring Grove, IL – Graves.

16. Adjournment.